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South Africa

Addendum

Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review

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1. The Republic of South Africa is deeply committed to the Universal Periodic Review. It is a unique process which involves a review of the human rights records of the Republic of South Africa and allows for a sharing of best human rights practices around the globe and promotes continual improvement of human rights, not only in South Africa, but in all member States.

2. South Africa has considered the recommendations contained in the Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review of South Africa presented at the 3rd Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review and herewith provides its response to the recommendations.

3. The recommendations and South Africa's responses thereto are thematically arranged and are either fully 'Accepted' or 'Noted'.

4. 'Noted' recommendations are those which South Africa is in the process of considering and cannot commit to at this stage.

Acceptance of International Norms, Facilitation of Special Rapporteur Visits, Human Rights Reporting and Selection of Candidates for UN Treaty Bodies

5. Recommendations accepted:

139.7; 139.8; 139.9; 139.10; 139.11; 139.12; 139.13; 139.14; 139.15; 139.17; 139.18; 139.30; 139.31; 139.33.

6. Recommendations noted:

139.1; 139.2; 139.3; 139.4; 139.5; 139.6; 139.16; 139.19; 139.20; 139.21; 139.22; 139.23; 139.24; 139.25; 139.26; 139.27; 139.28; 139.29; 139.32; 139.34.

Strengthening of the South African Human Rights Commission and other Human Rights Monitoring Mechanism, Context, Statistics, Budget and Cooperation with Civil Society

7. Recommendations accepted:

139.36; 139.38; 139.37.

8. Recommendations noted:

139.35; 139.39; 139.40.

Hate Crime, Hate Speech Bill, National Action Plan to Combat Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Non-Discrimination

9. Recommendations accepted:

139.42; 139.43; 139.44; 139.45; 139.46; 139.47; 139.48; 139.49; 139.50; 139.51; 139.52; 139.53; 139.54; 139.55; 139.56; 139.57; 139.58; 139.59; 139.60; 139.61; 139.62; 139.63; 139.64; 139.65; 139.66; 139.67; 139.68; 139.69; 139.70; 139.71; 139.73; 139.74; 139.75; 139.76; 139.77; 139.78; 139.79; 139.80; 139.81; 139.82; 139.83; 139.84; 139.85; 139.86; 139.87; 139.88; 139.89.

10. Recommendations noted:

139.72; 139.90.

Social Cohesion, Nation Building and Promotion of the National Development Plan

11. Recommendations accepted:

139.134; 139.135; 139.136.

Protection of vulnerable groups falling within the following: Albinism, LGBTI

12. Recommendations accepted

139.91; 139.92; 139.93; 139.94; 139.95; 139.96; 139.97; 139.98; 139.99; 139.100; 139.101; 139.102.

Discrimination and Violence against Women

13. Recommendations accepted

139.189; 139.190; 139.191; 139.192; 139.193; 139.196; 139.197; 139.198; 139.199; 139.200; 139.202; 139.203; 139.204; 139.205; 139.206; 139.208; 139.209; 139.210; 139.211; 139.212; 139.213; 139.214; 139.215; 139.216; 139.217; 139.218; 139.219.

14. Recommendations noted

139.193; 139.194; 139.200; 139.207.

Indigenous Peoples

15. Recommendations accepted

139.103.

Human Rights Standards, Protection of the Environment

16. Recommendations noted

139.104; 139.105; 139.106.

Law enforcement, Crime, Corruption, Human Rights Education and Training and Conditions of Detention

17. Recommendations accepted

139.107; 139.108; 139.111; 139.112; 139.113; 139.114; 139.227.

18. Recommendations noted

139.109; 139.110.

Good Governance and the Rule of Law

19. Recommendations accepted

139.117; 139.131.

Constitutional and Legislative Framework

20. Recommendations accepted

139.116; 139.221; 139.222.

21. Recommendations noted

139.153; 139.223; 139.224; 139.225; 139.226; 139.243.

Administration of Justice and Fair Trial

22. Recommendations accepted

139.115.

Prohibition of Trafficking

23. Recommendations accepted:

139.124; 139.125; 139.126; 139.127; 139.128; 139.129.

Liberty and Security - General

24. Recommendations accepted:

139.121.

25. Recommendations noted:

139.122; 139.123.

Freedom of Expression and Opinion

26. Recommendations accepted:

139.118.

27. Recommendations noted:

139.119; 139.120.

Right to Health, Work and Education

28. Recommendations accepted:

139.159; 139.160; 139.161; 139.162; 139.163; 139.164; 139.165; 139.166; 139.167; 139.168; 139.169; 139.170; 139.171; 139.172; 139.173; 139.174; 139.175; 139.176; 139.177; 139.179; 139.180; 139.181; 139.182; 139.183; 139.184; 139.185; 139.186; 139.187; 139.188; 139.133.

29. Recommendations noted:

139.178.

Right to an Adequate Standard of Living, Right to Food, Drinking Water and Sanitation

30. Recommendations accepted:

139.146; 139.154; 139.155; 139.156; 139.157; 139.158.

Children: Protection against Exploitation

31. Recommendations accepted:

139.228; 139.229; 139.230; 139.231; 139.232; 139.235; 139.236.

32. Recommendations noted:

139.233; 139.234; 139.237; 139.238; 139.239; 139.240; 139.241; 139.242.

Eradication of Poverty, Inequality, Unemployment, and Economic Development and Empowerment, Social Protection

33. Recommendations accepted:

139.130; 139.132; 139.137; 139.138; 139.140; 139.141; 139.142; 139.143; 139.144; 139.145; 139.147; 139.148; 139.149; 139.150, 139.151.

34. Recommendations noted:

139.152; 139.41.

Youth Development, Economic Empowerment and Reforms

35. Recommendations accepted:

139.139; 139.149.

36. Recommendations noted:

139.220.

Conclusion

37. **South Africa remains committed to its international human rights obligations as well as the promotion and the protection of fundamental freedoms and human rights. South Africa remains committed to building a better Africa and a better world.**